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SUBJECT: OECD COMMITTEE FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGI-
CAL POLICY; WORKING PARTY ON TECHNOLOGY AND
THE STRUCTURAL ADAPTATION OF INDUSTRY

-THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A LETTER DATED JAN. 13
FROM CSTP VICE CHAIRMAN SCHEIDEMANN TO DAS SHERWIN:
BEGIN TEXT.

I HAVE LEARNT WITH REGRET THAT YOU HAVE SOME DIFFI-
CULTIES WITH REGARD TO THE DATE PROPOSED FOR THE CONS-
TITUENT MEETING OF THE WORKING PARTY, AND I FULLY UNDER-
STAND THAT YOU WOULD PREFER A DATE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
THE MEETING OF THE BUREAU OF THE INDUSTRY COMMITTEE.

IT SEEMS, HOWEVER, HARDLY USEFUL TO CONVENE THE WORKING
PARTY BEFORE ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE HAVE BEEN FIXED
BY THE INDUSTRY COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY, BEFORE THE MEMBER STATES PARTI-
CIPATING IN THIS WORKING PARTY HAVE BEEN APPOINTED, AND
BEFORE THE QUESTIONS WHICH HAVE ARISEN IN CONNECTION
WITH OUR CO-CHAIRMANSHIP HAVE BEEN CLARIFIED. THERE -
FORE - IN MY OPINION - A DATE BEFORE THE ENVISAGED
MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
POLICY WOULD HARDLY BE USEFUL. IF THE DATE IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING THIS MEETING WHICH I PROPOSED CANNOT BE REAL-
IZED, WE SHOULD FIX A LATER DATE.

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AS FAR AS THE QUESTION OF CO-CHAIRMANSHIP IS CONCERNED,

I DO NOT THINK THAT A SOLUTION IN THE SENSE OF A DOUBLE CHAIRMANSHIP WOULD BE HELPFUL. ACCORDING TO MY OPINION THE PROBLEM OF CO-CHAIRMANSHIP SHOULD EITHER BE SOLVED BY APPOINTING A CHAIRMAN AND A VICE-CHAIRMAN, OR THE CHAIRMANSHIP SHOULD BE DIVIDED INTO TWO PERIODS OF TIME. I WOULD BE PREPARED TO TAKE OVER THE FUNCTION OF A VICE-CHAIRMAN, THE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY WOULD, HOWEVER, POSSIBLY HAVE TO AGREE TO THIS. FURTHERMORE, I WOULD BE PREPARED TO ACT AS A CHAIRMAN DURING THE FIRST WORKING PERIOD, IF YOU WOULD BE PREPARED TO TAKE THE CHAIR DURING THE SECOND WORKING PERIOD.

I SHOULD BE PLEASED TO BE INFORMED ON YOUR IDEAS, IN PARTICULAR WITH REGARD TO A SOLUTION FOR THE PROBLEM OF CO-CHAIRMANSHIP. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR AN EARLY ANSWER TO MY LETTER.

S/ K.F. SCHEIDEMANN

END TEXT.

2. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF LETTER WHICH WAS TRANSMITTED BY GERMAN DELEGATION, ALVAREZ OF CSTP SECRETARIAT TOLD MISSION OFFICER JAN 15 THAT SCHEIDEMANN NOW AGREES TO THE ORIGINAL DATE OF FEB. 16 WHICH WAS SET FOR JOINT WP MEETING.

3. COMMENT - RE PROCEDURES FOR DUAL CHAIRMANSHIP, MISSION WOULD SUGGEST THAT DAS SHERWIN DISCUSS MATTER IN PERSON WITH SCHEIDEMANN IMMEDIATELY BEFORE FEB. 16 MEETING IF MODALITIES CANNOT BE WORKED OUT BY WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS.

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